

CONTINUED MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 18, 2013

The Jasper County Board of Commissioners met this date at 8:30 A.M. in the Commissioners' Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: Kendell Culp, James A. Walstra and Richard E. Maxwell. Also present was the Auditor of Jasper County, Kimberly K. Grow; Deputy Auditor, Donna J. Horner; Highway Engineer/Supervisor, Jack R. Haberlin; and the Attorney who represents the Commissioners, Eric Beaver.

MINUTES: Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 4, 2013. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

PAYROLL CLAIM & ALLOWANCE DOCKET: Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket for the check date ending March 15, 2013. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT / VEHICLE: Jody Wilson, SWCD, stated that the NRCS trucks that have been available for them to use in the past will no longer be available. Is it possible that we could use an old Sheriff's vehicle? Mr. Culp asked how often the vehicle would be needed? Mrs. Wilson replied that they travel 200 miles per month for water testing alone. We also have to visually inspect every field that crop shares with us (approximately 15 fields per year). In the fall, we will be applying for an implementation grant which will require field checks for all of those projects as well. Further discussion took place. No final decision was made at this time.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT / ADVISORY MEETINGS: Nancy Bailey, RN / Health Department, would like permission to attend the Head Start Health Advisory meetings for 2013. The first meeting will be May 8, 2013 in Monon. The date of the second meeting has not yet been determined. The only cost would be for mileage. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

TREASURER / ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Carla Anderson, Treasurer, has requested permission for herself and Tammy McEwan to attend the Indiana County Treasurer Association's annual conference. This state called meeting will be held August 7-9 in Indianapolis. The cost of registration is \$150.00 per person. Other charges will include mileage, hotel and meals. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

RECORDER / ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Beth Warren, Recorder, has requested permission to attend the State Board of Accounts County Recorders' Annual Conference on April 23 – 26 at Sheraton Keystone Crossing in Indianapolis. The registration fee is \$250.00 for 3 days. The hotel rate is \$97.00 per night. Mrs. Warren will be staying 3 nights beginning Tuesday, April 23. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL PROGRAM / AUDITOR: Mrs. Grow stated that she met with Kori Isaac from Harris last week regarding the financial program. Bill Batley, IT, stated that GUTS and CYMA are saying that it will make things better if we build a new server and move their software to the new server. Mr. Batley stated that he is thinking it would cost approximately \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00 to migrate to the new server. Mr. Batley expressed concern that they still will not guarantee that this will fix the problem. Mrs. Grow expressed concern that the report that gives the balance within each fund is run outside of the system. Another concern is that we have still not been able to complete the annual report that was due March 1. Further discussion took place. Barbara Robinson, Deputy Auditor, stated that she still is not able to get budgetary status reports to any of the departments because she does not have the outside tool. The reports cannot be run within CYMA – they have to be run outside the system. Mrs. Robinson stated that she can run the transaction history; however, they take so long that GUTS has to run them for us. Mrs. Robinson also stated that we have not balanced a docket report since switching to CYMA. Attorney Eric Beaver stated that all of the issues will need to be documented. After further discussion, Mr. Maxwell made a motion to have Attorney Beaver send a letter to GUTS outlining the deficiencies and problems being experienced with the CYMA program. GUTS will be advised that they have 30 days to remedy these issues. Further discussion will take place at the May meeting. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

NEW CELLPHONE / IT: Bill Batley, IT, requested to upgrade his current cell phone. His current cell phone is approximately 1 ½ - 2 years old. The Droids are not on the “free” upgrade plan.

NEWTON COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 149: Mr. Haberlin explained that Newton County Bridge No. 149 is currently closed. It was agreed at a previous meeting that a committee of four would meet to discuss possible solutions. The committee has since met and estimates have been obtained from an engineering firm. The repair recommendations are based on increasing the operating life by 15-20 years and providing for a load posting of 4 tons. The estimated engineering cost for these repairs is \$15,000.00 - \$30,000.00 and the estimated construction cost for these repairs is \$75,000.00 - \$90,000.00. Newton County has requested that Jasper County pay 20% of the project with a cap of \$24,000.00. Mr. Haberlin stated that Newton County will begin working on a plan to eventually replace the bridge. Attorney Beaver has reviewed the document. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the Agreement for repair of Newton County Bridge No. 149, CR650 East over Iroquois River between the Board of Commissioners of Newton County and the Board of Commissioners of Jasper County. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Maxwell made a motion to appoint Jack Haberlin, Highway Engineer/Supervisor, as the Jasper County Utility Coordinator and the Jasper County MS4 Coordinator. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR: Mr. Haberlin stated that the Inspector from LaPorte County will be at the April meeting and the Inspector from Porter County will be at the May meeting to provide further information regarding the position.

LOCAL ROAD FUNDING / LETTER: Mr. Culp submitted a letter to be sent to Senator Ed Charbonneau and Senator Brandt Hershman regarding local road funding. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the letter. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

SHERIFF’S CAR: Mr. Maxwell made a motion to obtain a quote from L&P Body Shop to have the Sheriff’s car painted. This would allow the car to be used by other county employees when they attend training, conferences, etc. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

CRP GROUND: Mr. Walstra made a motion to have Mr. Maxwell reenroll the CRP land at the county farm for renewal. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

SURVEYOR/EXTENSION BUILDING / LEAK: Mr. Maxwell reported that there was a leak in the line going into the Surveyor/Extension Building on Thursday. Carl Ward had the leak fixed by Friday evening.

There being no further business, Mr. Maxwell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Kendell Culp, President

James A. Walstra, Vice President

Richard E. Maxwell, Member

ATTEST:

Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County